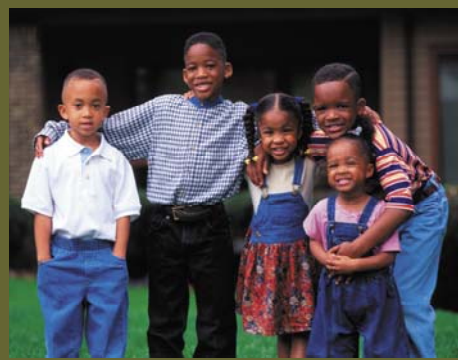
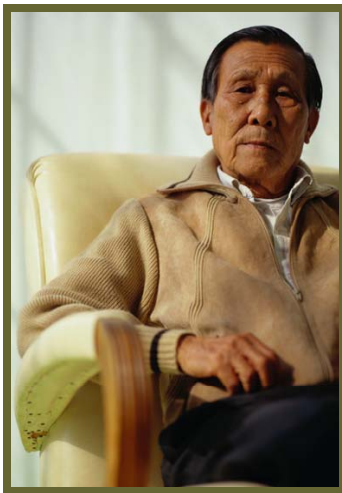

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For a copy of the Minority Health Awareness Month Calendar of Events, please call 1-800-877-3180.

From the Office of Minority Health



Health and healthcare disparities continue to cloud the horizon for minority communities resulting in the increased risk of illness, injury and death. Currently, state health statistics indicate that minority populations are disproportionately plagued with conditions such as heart disease, cancer, diabetes, HIV/AIDS and many others. Wellness for all the citizens of this state are compromised when disparities, such as this exist.

In an effort to increase community awareness of these disparate circumstances, the month of April has been designated as *Minority Health Awareness Month* across the nation. This annual designation serves as a reminder that progress is being made in culturally appropriate access and care, but there is still much to do. *Minority Health Awareness Month* is also about honoring community heroes who make a difference in the lives of so many. Take time during this month to celebrate racial and ethnic diversity and recognize the common need for a healthy life and environment.

The mission of the Missouri Office of Minority Health is to develop systems and community capacity to eliminate health and wellness disparities. This can only be achieved through a heightened awareness of health, strategic partnerships and community engagement at every level. Consequently, minority health is about everyone -health care providers, social service organizations, industry, faith-based organizations, schools, policy makers and individuals getting involved. We urge the minority community to practice healthy behaviors, participate in health awareness activities and help someone else along the way to do the same.

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About the Minority Health Advisory Committee

Alliance Goals:

- The alliance is the “bridge” between minority communities and public health care agencies to provide better access to services and to influence policies impacting minorities.
- The alliance offers open dialogue for sharing successes, problems, and barriers within the community and working together works to create solutions.

Alliance Efforts Include:

- Prioritizing issues of the minority community.
- Supporting community activities and organizations.
- Encouraging minority participation in health programs.
- Advising current community organizations on minority outreach.
- Identifying new community health partners.
- Special events.

For more information, or to be a member of the Minority Health Advisory Committee Regional Alliance, please call the Office of Minority Health toll-free at:

1-800-877-3180

Or write to:

Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services
Division of Community & Public Health
Office of Minority Health
912 Wildwood Drive—P.O. Box 570
Jefferson City, MO 65102



The Minority Health Alliances serve as a voice of advocacy and advice for the community in identifying and improving minority health status; serve with the purpose of establishing and maintaining meaningful communication on minority health issues; and to develop and submit specific recommendations to the Department of Health and Senior Services that will have a positive impact on minority health and wellness disparities at the local level and statewide.



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Together We Can Make A Difference

**Join Your Minority Health Advisory Committee
Regional Alliance!**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2-8, 2006

April 5, 2006

Hispanic Grandparents Support Group

Location: Holy Trinity Church
3500 Saint Luke Lane
St. Ann, MO 63074

Time: 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Newcomers are welcome! For more information, please contact Claudia Angenor, Cardinal Ritter Senior Services at (314) 752-1901 Ext. 17.

17th Annual Mental Health Awareness Day

Transforming the Landscape of Mental Health

Location: Missouri State Capitol
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Time: 9:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Project LIFE. Join consumers, families and advocates on this day filled with workshops, exhibits and events. For more information, please contact Project LIFE at (800) 392-7348.

April 6, 2006

Protgerse Es Quererse/To Protect Yourself Is To Love Yourself

Location: Westside Community Action Center
2136 Jefferson Street
Kansas City, MO 64108

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Guadalupe Centers, Inc. Guadalupe Centers, Inc. provides an HIV Prevention program targeting Hispanic men who are engaging in risky behaviors. The project will focus on educating men and increasing their knowledge of STDs and HIV/AIDS as well as teaching them methods of reducing their exposure to these diseases. This workshop will also focus on the role that substance abuse plays in increasing the incidence of high-risk sexual behaviors and the negative impact it has on health. For more information, please contact Maria Reyes at (816) 561-6885 Ext. 31.

April 8, 2006

Celebrating Women: Reinventing Ourselves After 50

Location: J.C. Penney Conference Center
University of Missouri-St. Louis
St. Louis, MO 63121

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Activities include performances by females over 50, exhibits, vendors, more than 25 workshops on health and fitness, personal and professional development. Fee: FREE (Lunch is \$5.00), and Evening Performance is \$5.00. For more information, please call (314) 516-5911 and (314) 516-5974 to register.

Health Fair

Location: Coleman-Wright CME Church
9777 New Halls Ferry Road
St. Louis, MO 63136

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

This is a health fair for members on health issues. For more information, please call Mary Hart at (314) 615-1676.

Health and Resource Expo: Our Community, Our Health

Location: People's Health Centers, Inc.
5701 Delmar

St. Louis, MO 63112

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by People's Health Centers, Inc. FREE screenings/testing for diabetes, high blood pressure, tooth and gum problems, breast and prostate cancer, as well as confidential Ora-Sure Testing for HIV/AIDS will be provided. This is in honor of Easter for children under 12, free photos with the Easter Bunny. For more information, please contact Rosalyn Fulton at (314) 460-3648 or 367-7848.

Celebrating Ourselves – In A Healthy Way!

Location: California Elementary School

205 S. Owen Street

California, MO 65018

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Hispanic Heritage Group. The entire family will enjoy this health rally. Learn about health and nutrition as you follow the clues to the finish line. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, please call Myriam Dominguez at (573) 632-6629.

Women Wellness Initiative³: Sisters On A Journey

Location: Missouri Western State University

4525 Downs Drive

St. Joseph, MO 64507

Time: 8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Heartland Health Wellness Connections, InterServ and the Interagency Council on Aging. Feature speaker is Bob Greene, Oprah's personal fitness trainer. A follow-up to this event will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. For more information, please call Sharon Fonner or Kae Mays at (816) 390-5013.

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April 9-15, 2006

April 11, 2006

Minority Health Advisory Committee/Eastern Regional Alliance

Open House Invitational

Location: St. Louis Connect Care

5535 Delmar (2nd Floor Education Classroom)

St. Louis, MO 63112

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Alliance serves as the local advisory committee for minority health advocacy and information, and embodies community efforts in eliminating disparities and promoting wellness. For more information, please call (800) 877-3180.

Achieving Health Equity in Missouri

Location: Eric P. Newman Education Center

Washington University

320 S. Euclid Avenue

St. Louis, MO 63110

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sponsored by The Center for Health Policy, University of Missouri and The Center for Health Policy, Washington University. This forum is designed to create a dialogue concerning the complex issues surrounding health disparities in Missouri by presenting recent data and research on health disparities. Conference is free, but pre-registration is required. For more information, please contact the Center for Health Policy at (573) 882-1491, fax (573) 882-6158, or email healthpolicy@missouri.edu.

Town Hall Meeting

Location: Springfield Community Center

911 E. Division

Springfield, MO 65803

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Southwest Minority Health Alliance. This will discuss health disparities in Greene County. For more information, please contact Tina Bennett at (417) 881-1900.

April 12, 2006

Dialogue on Improving Social and Health Care Services with the Kansas City Urban American Indian Community

Location: Pioneer Campus
2700 East 18th Street, Room 211
Kansas City, MO 64127

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Please RSVP to the American Indian Council at (816) 471-4898.

April 15, 2006

Health Summit: "Let's Bring It To The Table" Workshop '2K6'

Location: Glad Tydings Assembly of God
Junction JJ and Highway 24
Moberly, MO 65270

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Sponsored by the Greater New Life Ministries and Northeast Minority Health Alliance. This health summit will help raise awareness and attention to minority health disparities through the presentation of local health information and data. The summit is designed to create dialogue about the challenges and opportunities for communities to work together to eliminate health disparities and positively impact public health in minority communities to achieve better health outcomes. For more information, please contact Lorna Miles at (660) 263-8905 or Brian Williams at (660) 269-8264.

Free Screening Mammography Exam

Location: Halls Ferry Manor
8725 Halls Ferry
St. Louis, MO 63147

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Paraquad, Inc. The Accessible Mobile Mammography van (provided by Missouri Baptist Medical Center) is open to all women with disabilities who have Medicaid, Medicare, are uninsured, or have private insurance and who have not had an exam within the past 12 months. Please check with your medical insurance provider to verify your benefits and eligibility. Bring your insurance card to your appointment. For more information or an appointment, please contact Vee Reynolds at (314) 567-1558, ext. 288 (voice), (314) 567-5552 (TTY).

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April 16-22, 2006

April 18, 2006

Minority Health Advisory Committee/Northwest Regional Alliance Meeting

Location: Mohart Multipurpose Center
3200 Wayne
Kansas City, MO 64108

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The Alliance serves as the local advisory committee for minority health advocacy and information, and embodies community efforts in eliminating disparities and promoting wellness. For more information, please call (800) 877-3180.

April 19, 2006

Hispanic Grandparents Support Group

Location: Catholic Family Services
2647 Ohio
St. Louis, MO 63118

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Newcomers are welcome! Contact Information: Claudia Angenor, Cardinal Ritter Senior Services at (314) 752-1901 ext. 17.

Minority Health Awareness Panel

Location: Kirksville Regional Center
1702 E. LaHarpe
Kirksville, MO 63501

Time: 9:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m.

Sponsored by the Kirksville Regional Center/Missouri Department of Mental Health. The panel presenters will include a developmental disability consumer, the director of Multi-Cultural Affairs at Truman University, an instructor at Health Division at Truman, director of Thompson Campus Health Center, and a positive attitude presenter. For more information, please email Kathy Stewart at Kathy.Stewart@dmh.mo.gov.

April 21, 2006

Grandparents as Parents Program

Location: Human Development Corporation of Metropolitan St. Louis
929 N. Spring (Community Action Agency)
St. Louis, MO 63108

Time: 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Newcomers are Welcome! For more information, please contact Darnell Fowler at (314) 754-4483.

7th Annual Gospel for Heart Sake Concert

Location: Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
1444 S. Compton Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63104

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the American Heart Association and the St. Louis County Department of Health. This is a gospel event with health screenings, featuring Dr. Bobby Jones of BET's Bobby Jones Gospel and the Nashville Super Choir. For more information, please contact Jocelyn Farmer at (314) 692-5649 or Linda B. Hiette at (314) 615-6821.

April 22, 2006

Caring for the Caregiver Conference

Location: St. Joseph Medical Center
Community Center for Health and Education
1000 Carondelet Drive
Kansas City, MO 64114

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

This is a conference for caregivers of those individuals with Alzheimer's. For more information, please contact Clemme Rambo, Heart of America Alzheimer's Association at (816) 361-6604.

Ethnic Festival

Around the World in One Day

Location: Park Hill High School
7703 NW Barry Road
Kansas City, MO 64153

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Sponsored by the Northland Diversity Council. Special guest is the Kansas City Ethnic Enrichment Commission. Admission is free. For more information, please contact Marilyn Donatello at (816) 437-3175.

"Reaching Out to Our Neighbors"

Community Block Party and Health Fair

Location: Research Medical Center
2316 E. Meyer Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64132

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by The Research Foundation. The purpose of this event is to motivate and encourage healthy lifestyle changes. A host of activities including approximately 20 health screenings, 1-mile and 2-mile fun walk, music, entertainment for children and adults, an assortment of healthy foods and beverages and prize incentives for participating in the health fair and the walk. For more information, please contact Rene' Harden at (816) 276-4218.

“Salud Para La Vida Health Fair

Location: Community Clinic of Carthage
Grant St. and Chestnut St. (on the corner)
Carthage, MO 64836

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Missouri State University, Ozark Tri-County Health Care, Southwest Missouri Area Health Education Center and the Missouri Foundation for Health. This health fair will provide culturally appropriate preventative health information, health screenings and clinical follow up for identified chronic conditions for multiple rural and Hispanic communities. For more information, please contact Susan Dollar, MSU at (417) 836-6359; Regina Bowling, SWMO AHC at (417) 836-6154; or LaRaeda Sullivan, Ozark Tri-County Health Care at (417) 845-8300 ext. 220.

Health Summit

Location: To be determined.
Bowling Green, MO 63334

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Northeast Clergy Association and Northeast Minority Health Alliance. This health summit is designed to raise awareness and attention to minority health disparities through the presentation of local health information and data, and to create dialogue about the challenges and opportunities for communities to work together to eliminate health disparities and positively impact public health in minority communities to achieve better health outcomes. For more information, please contact Charles Wright at (573) 470-1075 or Brian Williams at (660) 269-8264.

Community Health Fair

Location: Marshall High School
Marshall, MO 65340

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Sponsored by the Fitzgibbon Hospital. There will be health information and screenings. For more information, please contact Bob Stewart at (660) 886-7431 or Brian Williams at (660) 269-8264.

Health Fair Festival

Location: Pioneer Campus of Penn Valley Community College
6612 Independence Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64125

Time: 4:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Vietnamese American Community of Greater Kansas City. This is a health fair among the Vietnamese community along with the traditional culture of music and dance, skit...in the event Gio to Hung Vuong in memory of founder Father, King Hung Vuong, the Vietnamese ancestor. For more information, please contact Nhuong Tran at (816) 889-3170 or email vackc@yahoo.com.

Community Health Fair

Location: Seton Center
2816 E. 23rd Street
Kansas City, MO 64127

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Seton Center. For more information, please contact Armida Olson at (816) 231-3955.

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April 24, 2006

Senior Health Day

Location: Zion Grove Missionary Baptist Church
2801 Swope Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64130

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Co-sponsored by the Healthy Initiative Project (HIP). There will be a skit – “Age Is Just A Number” Improving Your Quality of Life. For more information, please contact Martina Bowden at (816) 784-4540.

April 25, 2006

Diabetes One Life At A Time

Location: Loch Haven Nursing Home
Activity Room
701 Sunset Hills Drive
Macon, MO 63552

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Co-sponsored by the Audrain Medical Center and the Missouri League of Nursing, Inc. This workshop will provide health care professionals with tools that are as unique and individual as the patients they care for and educate each day. Registration fee is \$85 for Members and \$115 for Non-Members. Register by mail, Missouri League of Nursing, Inc., P.O. Box 104476, Jefferson City, MO 65110; phone (573) 635-5355; or on-line at www.monursing.org. Please go to the website for more information and other locations.

Building a Healthier St. Louis: A Community-wide Health Summit

Location: Missouri History Museum
Lindell and DeBaliviere in Forest Park
St. Louis, MO

Time: 7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Pfizer St. Louis, Signature Health Care Foundation, Missouri Foundation for Health and Missouri Primary Care Association; and hosted by the St. Louis Regional Health Commission. Reinvent how we keep the citizens of St. Louis healthy. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information, please contact the St. Louis Regional Commission at (314) 446-6454.

Physical Fitness Day

Location: Zion Grove Missionary Baptist Church
2801 Swope Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64130

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Co-sponsored by the Healthy Initiative Project (HIP). Lorna Jerrett will be the trainer/speaker for this event. For more information, please contact Martina Bowden at (816) 784-4540.

April 26, 2006

False Promises and True Disparities

Location: Lincoln University Cooperative Extension
Allen Hall, Room 100
900 Chestnut Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Sponsored by Lincoln University Cooperative Extension, Paula J. Carter Center on Minority Health and Aging. This videoconference presentation is provided by the School of Public Health Research Institute at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Parking tags are available upon request, and light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP at (573) 681-5530.

Dr. Joycelyn Elders, M.D.

Town Hall Meeting: Smoke Free Workplace Ordinances

Location: County Commission Chambers
Boone County Building
Columbia, MO 65201

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Dean Andersen at Andersencd@health.missouri.edu or call (573) 529-9704.

Matters of the Heart

“The Effects of Chronic Diseases”

Location: Zion Grove Missionary Baptist Church
2801 Swope Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64130

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Co-sponsored by the Healthy Initiative Project (HIP). Sherbert Harvey, Kansas City Free Clinic will be the speaker. For more information, please contact Martina Bowden at (816) 784-4540.

April 27, 2006

University City Senior Resource Team – Celebrating Diversity

Location: Heman Park Community Center
975 Pennsylvania
St. Louis, MO 63130

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Sponsored by the St. Louis County Department of Health and Community Partners. Celebrating Diversity within the community. For more information, please contact Mary Hart at (314) 615-1676.

Wellston School District Health Fair

Location: Eskridge High School
1200 Sutter
St. Louis, MO 63121

Time: To be determined.

Sponsored by the Wellston Health Advisory Council. This health fair will target middle and high school students and parents. The Health Education Department will train ABC Teen Leaders and Teenage Health Consultants to facilitate exhibits. The exhibits will be an STD Jeopardy Game, Pig Lungs, and physical activity. For more information, please contact Gena Palmer at (314) 615-6848.

Physical Fitness Day

Location: Zion Grove Missionary Baptist Church
2801 Swope Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64130

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Co-sponsored by the Healthy Initiative Project (HIP). Lorna Jerrett will be the trainer/speaker for this event. For more information, please contact Martina Bowden at (816) 784-4540.

April 28, 2006

Health Chat Meeting – Healthy Senior Living Lectures

Location: St. Jane Community Center
7005 Ascension
St. Louis, MO 65121

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Sponsored by St. Louis County Department of Health and St. Jane Community Center. Lecture series for senior women members of St. Jane Community Center and Parish. The focus of the Healthy Chat Programs is to educate the members on current health issues and recommendations. For more information, please contact Ann Hayes at (314) 615-1675 or Deborah Davis at St. Jane Community Center.

My Soul Cried Out and Wondered: Reviving the Spirit of Health, Mind, Body & Soul

Location: United Believers Community Church
7540 Troost Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64131

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Co-sponsored by the Healthy Initiative Project (HIP). Pastor Darron Edwards, United Believers Community Church will be the speaker. For more information, please contact Martina Bowden at (816) 784-4540.

April 29, 2006

Healthy Living Workshop

Location: Columbia/Boone County Health Department
1005 W. Worley
Columbia, MO 65203

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Central Minority Health Alliance.

Health information, cooking and exercise demonstrations, health screenings and activities for children will be provided. For more information, please contact Carla Johnson or Denise Redmon at (573) 874-7356.

Asthma Walk

Location: Loose Park
5100 Wornall Road at 51st Street
(near the Plaza off Wornall Rd.)
Kansas City, MO 64112

Time: 8:00 a.m. – Registration
9:00 a.m. - Walk

Sponsored by American Lung Association. For more information, please contact Allison Householter, American Lung Association at ahouseholter@kslung.org.

Mass Distribution

Location: Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church
2310 Linwood
Kansas City, MO 64109

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church. Food and Clothing will be distributed to people in the community. The food and clothes are free. This is an effort to reduce hunger in the community. For more information, please contact Marion Halim at (816) 923-3689.

“Salud Para La Vida Health Fair

Location: First United Methodist Church
4th and Cale Streets
Monett, MO 65708

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Missouri State University, Ozark Tri-County Health Care, Southwest Missouri Area Health Education Center and the Missouri Foundation for Health. This health fair will provide culturally appropriate preventative health information, health screenings, and clinical follow up for identified chronic conditions for multiple rural and Hispanic communities. For more information, please contact Susan Dollar, MSU at (417) 836-6359, Regina Bowling, SWMO AHC at (417) 836-6154, or LaRaeda Sullivan, Ozark Tri-County Health Care at (417) 845-8300.

14th Annual Lupus Awareness Spring Seminar

Location: Stowers Institute for Medical Research
1000 E. 50th St. (50th & Troost)
Kansas City, MO 64111

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

A specialist will feature presentation on heart, stroke, fatigue, and coping with lupus. Vital information for those affected by lupus. For more information, please call the Lupus Foundation of America, Kansas City Chapter, Inc. at (816) 761-0850. A brochure will be mailed to you for registration to this learning event.

Fun Walk Day Activities

Location: Loose Park
5100 Wornall Road at 51st Street
(near the Plaza off Wornall Rd.)
Kansas City, MO 64112

Time: 8:30 a.m. – Registration
9:00 a.m. – Walk Begins

Co-sponsored by the Healthy Initiative Project (HIP) and American Lung Association. Teams from across the city will participate in this walk. For more information, please contact Martina Bowden at (816) 784-4540.

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MULTI DAY EVENTS

April 2006 (throughout the month)

Improving Access to Healthcare for MO Underserved Minority Seniors

Location: St. Louis City, Cole, Moniteau, Callaway and Pemiscot Counties

Sponsored by the Lincoln University Cooperative Extension/Paula J. Carter Center on Minority Health & Aging. Free health screenings and health education to underserved Missourians 50+. For more information, please contact Treaka Young at (573) 681-5530.

ABC Training

Location: Normandy Junior High School
7855 Natural Bridge Road
St. Louis, MO 63121

Time: To be determined.

Sponsored by the St. Louis County Department of Health and Normandy School District. The Normandy High School Teen Leaders have been preparing to teach students at the middle school level on abstinence only so healthy choices can be made. They will be co-teaching with another teen leader and use prepared lesson plans and activities. For more information, please contact Ms. Clark at (314) 493-0600, or Gena Palmer at (314) 615-6848.

H.E.L.P. for Better Health (AYUDA PARA MEJOR SALUD) Community Outreach Project

Location: multiple locations in southern Missouri

Sponsored by the Southwest Missouri Area Health Education Center (SWMO AHEC) and Southeast Missouri Area Health Education Center (SEMO AHEC). The SWMO AHEC and SEMO AHEC medical and health care profession students will deliver culturally appropriate preventative health information and health literacy information to clinics, businesses, churches, and other community organizations in multiple communities in Southern Missouri throughout April. Written information in English and Spanish will be disseminated. Some health presentations will be available upon request. For more information, please contact Regina Bowling, SWMO AHEC at (417) 836-6154 and Sheri Hinrichs, SEMO AHEC at (800) 788-2444.

Home Health Party Program Kick Off

Vitality, Vim and Vigor (3Vs) for Life/Vitalidad y Vigor para la Vida

Location: Southwest Missouri: Christian and Green Counties

Sponsored by the Forest Institute of Professional Psychology-Robert Murney Jr. Clinic, Hand In Hand Ministries/Multicultural Center, Springfield-Green County Health Department, University of Missouri Extension-Family Nutrition Education Program, Recreational Finance of Christian County and Greene County Baptist Multicultural Ministries. This healthy and active community project is working to create awareness and reduce such health disparities as diabetes, heart disease, obesity and other related illnesses especially among minority and underserved populations. For more information, please contact Julie Humphrey at (417) 879-8500.

April 3-7, 2006

National Public Health Week

Designing a Healthy Community: Raising Healthy Kids

Location: St. Louis County Government
41 South Central
St. Louis, MO 63105

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the St. Louis County Department of Health. A variety of activities will support the theme. For more information, please contact Mary Hart at (314) 615-1676 or Ann Hynes at (314) 615-1675.

April 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2006

Breaktime Club

Location: Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church
2310 Linwood
Kansas City, MO 64109

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Sponsored by the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church. Seniors gathered for socialization, support and nutrition.

Educational information provided regarding health information and issues. Speakers will address different health topics for minorities and seniors. For more information, please contact Delores Carpenter at (816) 923-3689.

April 6-7, 2006

Black Women's Leaders Conference

Location: University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC)
University Center
5100 Rockhill Road
Kansas City, MO 64110

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Sponsored by The Skillbuilder's Fund, the U.S. Women's Bureau, Department of Labor Regional VII, and LINC. This conference will begin with sessions that focus on where you are in leadership at this time: Emerging Leaders, Embracing Leaders, and Established Leaders. Women attending the conference will attend workshops presented by nationally and regionally prominent black women who are recognized leaders in various fields including keynote speakers Iyanla VanZant and Melanie Campbell. Full registration is \$189. To register, please go to website at http://www.umkcalumni.com/cgi-any/reg_event.dll/show?sitename=UMKC&ttemplate-event_main.hem&type-event_reg. For more information or additional questions, please contact Jane Wood at (816) 235-1638.

3rd Annual MO Foundation for Health's Health Summit

Primary Care Challenges: A Focus on Rural and Small Cities

Location: Capitol Plaza Hotel
324 E. McCarty
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Rural and small cities, which make up a large portion of the MO Foundation for Health service population, face many challenges and gaps in accessing services. This summit explores these challenges and discusses innovative strategies in which to facilitate access to high-quality health services in these communities. The fee is \$50, and registration and additional information is available online at http://www.mffh.org/health_summit06.html.

April 7 and 14, 2006

Remaking Missouri Medicine

Time: Will air on most Missouri PBS affiliates. Check your local listing.

Sponsored by Primaris and KETC/Channel 9. Delving into Missouri health care issues, this new public television program will tell the stories of individuals and institutions struggling to address the problems faced daily by our health care system. Remaking Missouri Medicine is a four-part companion series to a national PBS program, Remaking American Medicine, is produced by KETC, the St. Louis PBS affiliate to create a localized view of the issues highlighted in the national series. The goal of both productions is to inspire and empower viewers, by demonstrating what transforming the quality of patient care can mean to all Americans. Stories for the local programs have been gleaned from throughout the state of Missouri. For more information, please contact Matt Heger, Primaris at (800) 735-6776 ext. 136, mheger@primaris.org; or Amy Shaw, KETC/Channel 9 at (314) 512-9041, ashaw@ketc.org.

April 8 and 22, 2006

Free Health Seminar Series

Location: April 8
Eternity Deli
11 S. Euclid Street
St. Louis, MO 63108

April 22
Fisher Wellness
11634 W. Florissant

Florissant, MO 63033

Time: 9:00 a.m. (both locations)

Sponsored by the Fisher Wellness Center and Divine Universal Sisterhood. Free health seminars: Controlling and Recognizing Toxins In Your Home; Oral Health and Nutrition; Colon Health; Cancer and Cures; Hypertension/Diabetes and Diet; and Healthy Hair/Healthy Bodies. For more information, please contact Perdita Fisher at (314) 837-9777 or Troy Buchanan at (314) 454-1851.

April 10-12, 2006

National Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Symposium & Expo

Location: America's Center
701 Convention Plaza
St. Louis, MO 63101

Fees: The registration fee is \$350 per person prior to March 17th and \$425 per person after March 17th. For registration packet, go online to <http://www.adasympposium.org/> or call (800) 949-4232.

April 11-13, 2006

Rethinking Mental Illness: The Power of Procovery Training

Location: Kauffman Foundation Conference Center
4801 Rockhill Road
Kansas City, MO 64110
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Tuesday & Wednesday)
10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Thursday)

Sponsored by the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) and TMC Behavioral Health. April 11-12: Introduction (These two days are identical; registrants should choose either April 11 or 12.) April 13: Procovery Circle Facilitator Training (Prerequisite – attendance at Introduction.) There is no charge to Missouri residents for these trainings, which are open to staff, clients, family and the public. Lunch is provided. Space is limited. Please submit registration information as early as possible to Vicky Littleton at (816) 404-6030, fax (816) 404-6272, or email Vicky.Littleton@tmcmed.org.

April 13 and 20, 2006

Ready In 3 Emergency Preparedness

Location: Wellston Housing Authority
6203 Cote Brillante Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63133
Time: April 13 – 10:30 a.m.
April 20 – 5:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the St. Louis County Department of Health and Wellston Housing Authority. This event will help the residents of the Wellston Housing Authority prepare for emergencies by using the Ready In 3 materials. For more information, please contact Pat Dillon at (314) 615-0397.

April 16-22, 2006 National Minority Cancer Awareness Week

April 17-21, 2006

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention

Location: North Central Community Health Center
4000 Jennings Station Road
St. Louis, MO 63121
Time: To be determined.

Sponsored by St. Louis County Department of Health – Health Education. Materials for abuse and neglect against children will be distributed to public health nurses and personnel in the Health Center. April is Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month and the Children's Trust Fund continues its efforts to raise awareness during this month. For more information, please contact Shasheen Pride at (314) 615-8943.

April 17-19, 2006

2nd Annual Prevention & Interventions Conference

Strength in Unity: Coming Together to Protect Children & Families

Location: Hilton St. Louis Airport Hotel
10330 Natural Bridge
St. Louis, MO 63134

Time: To be determined.

Sponsored by The Child Center, Mercy Health Plans, and Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. For more information, please contact The Child Center at (636) 332-0899.

April 19-21, 2006

Cambio de Colores 2006 (Change of Colors)

Latinos in Missouri: Beyond Borders

Location: Stoney Creek Inn
2601 S. Providence Road
Columbia, MO 65203

Go to website for more information at www.cambiodecolores.org. Regular registration fee is \$200, and student rate is \$110. For more information, please contact Cindy Hazelrigg at (866) 682-6663 or (573) 882-4038.

End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) Training Program

Location: Kansas City Airport Marriott
775 Brasilia Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64153

Co-sponsored by the Center for Practical Bioethics, the City of Hope, and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. This program provides nurse educators with essential training in end-of-life/palliative care. Registration is \$450. A downloadable application/registration forms can be obtain at the ELNEC website, <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC>.

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